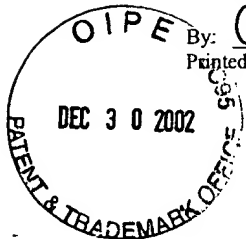


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Title:	RECOMBINANT GELATINS		
Serial No.:	09/710,239	Filing Date:	10 November 2000
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated 14 November 2002, please consider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 7, 10, 11, and 69 without prejudice. For the Examiner's convenience, a clean version of the entire set of pending claims accompanies this Amendment.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's courtesy in the 16 December 2002 telephone conference is much appreciated.

Justification for the amendments is as follows. Claims 7, 10, 11, and 69 are canceled above. No new matter is added by these amendments. These amendments were not made earlier as Applicants believed the claims as amended in response to the Office Action dated 22 March 2002 to be allowable. Therefore, entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.